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SENATOR RUPP: Quite possibly. As I said before, we have had always bookies and we always will have bookies. This is a semilegitimate system for bookies in essence.

SENATOR PAPPAS: So it probably wouldn't completely answer the question that we failed to do in 1977, I assume.

SENATOR RUPP: Probably not. It would answer the question that all the other states have answered because we are the only one that has this as is. We are unique. We are a good state.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner, do you wish to talk to this?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment. His amendment was about the same proposal that we had in 1979 when this body defeated that. Here we go again, a four-page amendment. I bet if I ask Senator DeCamp some questions about it that he wouldn't be able to answer some of those. But I am not going to embarrass him. I am going to leave him go at that. But a four-page amendment and he takes two minutes to explain it, so he didn't want you to know what is all in that amendment. No state, no state in the United States legalizes messenger betting service. No province in Canada legalizes it and the reason they don't is because they can't control it. So I would urge you to defeat this amendment. Like I said before, it was defeated here in 1979. The racetracks, the horsemen, support the bill, support the simple bill just as it is. Let's kill the amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I explained it in '79. I don't know what he wants. No, seriously, this is certainly one alternative to the issue, to the problem. This one brings in revenue for the state, controls and supervises the